lending and desired that banks should examine financing farmers for purchase of agricultural land and boost agricultural produce and further emphasized to formulate a suitable scheme for the purpose. As a sequel, to this Indian Banks' Association (IBA) has framed a scheme and forwarded it to the Ministry of Finance. The same is being examined in consultation with Reserve Bank of India (RBI)/ National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD).

International Status of IDBI

† 608. SHRI D.P. YADAV: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state: whether Government are working on any scheme to give the status of international bank of IDBI; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): No proposal is under consideration at this stage to give the status of universal bank to IDBI.

Impact of Fifth Pay Commission's Report on States

609. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether povernment are aware that the implementation of the Fifth Pay Commission's recommendations has caused financial crisis in some States and made them unable to spend on social sectors even; and

(b) if so, the steps taken for those States in order to redress their financial crunch?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) The Eleventh Finance Commission in their main report for 2000—05 has observed that the impact of Fifth Pay Commission has aggravated budget imbalances of the States which has impacted adversely on social services.

(b) The Eleventh Finance Commission has assessed the revenue

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.